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January 26, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: LightSquared's testing

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I represent southeast Missouri in the State Senate and as you can imagine, our small businesses continue to struggle in this sluggish economy. One of the most important tools available to help these businesses, as well as schools, hospitals and working families, is broadband access to the Worldwide Web. Parts of my district continue to have limited or no access to high-speed wireless broadband, thus severely limiting opportunities.


I have recently learned about a company that is prepared to invest \$14 billion in private funds to build out a wireless broadband network that could cover 260 million people in just three short years. That company is one I know you are familiar with; LightSquared. LightSquared could be a "game-changer" for southeast Missouri, providing broadband access through smart phones and tablet computers to thousands of men, women and children. And the terrain of southeast Missouri would not hinder traditional wireless telecommunications because LightSquared would use both cell phone towers and a satellite to deploy its 4G-LTE network.

Recent test results regarding interference between the LightSquared network and GPS devices have been questioned by many due to the apparent lack of transparency and the GPS devices selected for testing. As government officials and stewards of taxpayer money, I hope that you will agree that any evaluation and testing related to an issue as important as this one must be out in the open. As the government entity that primarily impacts federal telecommunications decisions, I would like to encourage the FCC to take over the testing process and conduct it with all the stakeholders at the table. If there

is in fact harmful interference, then I hope the FCC will also help guide the parties on how to resolve such interference to allow LightSquared's network to move forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert N. Mayer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'M'.

Senator Robert N. Mayer  
President Pro Tem  
Missouri District 25

cc: Senator Roy Blunt  
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